

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. If they are allowed to require their affiliates air obviously biased and one sided propaganda against one presidential candidate with no effort to represent the other side or to give equal time to the other side, then they are guilty of abusing the privileges afford them by the FCC. The FCC has a duty to not allow such abuse of the airwaves.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.
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